

# the Racquette

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## Drugs A Drag?

The State University College at Potsdam, in order to observe President Nixon's designation of October 3-9 as National Drug Abuse Prevention Week, has embarked on a series of activities related to drugs:

1. WPDM, WRPS and WNTC will be broadcasting spot announcements to make students aware of the significance of the problem.
  2. There will be a rap session between faculty and students on Wednesday, October 6 at 7:30 p.m. in room 105 of the College Union.
  3. Pamphlets dealing with the problems of drugs have been distributed to all dorms on campus.
- This effort, coordinated by the faculty-student

Drug Advisory Council has not only organized the spots on radio and distributed the pamphlets, but has enlisted the aid of the Potsdam Council on Drug Abuse to help WNTC defray the cost of the spot announcements.

Other related programs are the course "Drug Abuse," taught by Mrs. Dow, Coordinator of Drug Studies, and a class taught by Melinda Everitt. Dr. Louis LaGrande presently teaches Critical Issues in Human Ecology (4210-HE-300).

The Drug Abuse program is a twice weekly for seven weeks program for juniors and seniors who are seeking teacher certification in elementary, secondary, or music education. It is

hoped that this program will be expanded to at least one non-certification class. The Critical Issues on Human Ecology course is a one semester three credit course. Both courses are included in the Health Education program. These courses are designed to cover the affects of tobacco, alcohol, and narcotics, and expose students to the latest reading material in these areas. They involve the potential teacher's attitude toward drugs and those who may abuse them.

Beyond these campus activities there have been other developments. Four people from SUCP Dean Walawender, Mrs. Dow, Mike Jorba and Kathy Courins, attended a two week in-depth drug study at Yale University.